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{CODE 4:MACK THE KNIFE} #5

OH? WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? DO YOU REALLY THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO BE GLARING AT POLICE OFFICERS LIKE THAT?

AH... AHH...
I STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY, YOU KNOW?
I... I...
SPEAK UP! I STILL CAN'T HEAR YOU...
"A BEAUTIFUL VIRUS?" YOU'RE NOT IN MIDDLE SCHOOL ANYMORE, WAKE UP FROM YOUR DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA SAY NEXT? THAT YOU'RE SOME "SUPER HACKER"?
HA, DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH...
!!
JUMP
WHU-?!

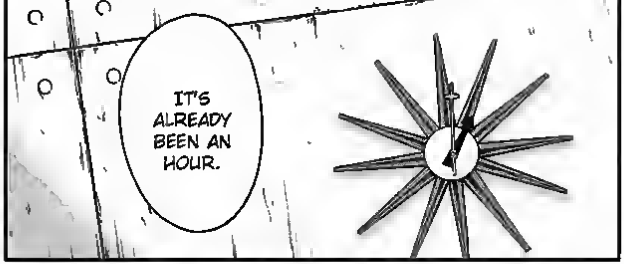
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
WHAT THE HELL!!
BAM
YOU DON'T GET IT...YOU DON'T GET...IT...YOU DON'T GET IT...YOU DON'T GET IT!!!
YOU DON'T!!!

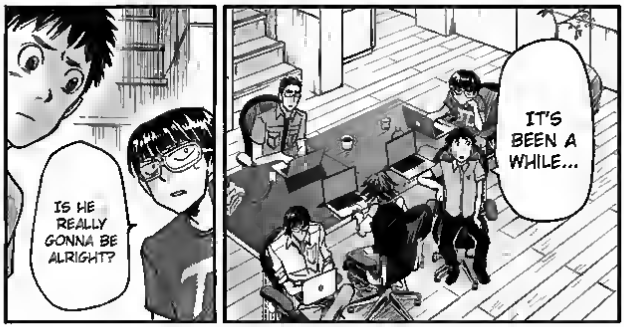
JUST LOOK AT THE CODE AND YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!!
THE ATTACK ON ASAKA! AND THE ATTACKS ON THE OTHER COMPANIES WERE ALL DONE BY THE SAME PERSON!!
I- I WOU'D NEVER ATTACK HEDGEHOG! THERE'S NO WAY I'D EVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!

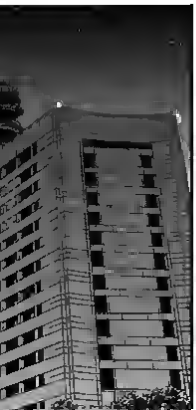
WHY DON'T YOU TRY LOOKING FOR THE "REAL TRUTH"!!
SINCE THEY LEFT THE "FINGER-PRINTS" RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES!!

HA... HA-HA-HA...

HEY, SIT THE HELL DOWN!


IT'S ALREADY BEEN AN HOUR.


IS HE REALLY GONNA BE ALRIGHT?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...



KANZAKI, BRING ME THE DOCUMENTS
HUH, WE'RE GONNA RELEASE HIM ALREADY?
WE JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH EVIDENCE...
Gleam
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE TOO NAIVE, CHIEF?
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE
HE STARTED SPITTING OUT ALL THESE TECHNICAL TERMS, SO WE'VE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S EVEN GOING ON ABOUT NOW

STEP
WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO HANDLE THE CASE OF KOREEDA KAZUKI?
UMM, I HAVE AN IDEA.

Gleam
Lock

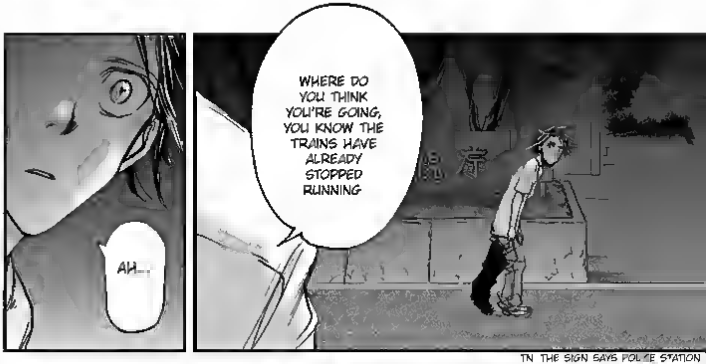
I REALLY LIKE NIGHT VISION GOGGLES
DRAG...
RIGHT...
YOU KNOW THOSE GLASSES THAT LET YOU SEE IN THE DARK? THE ONES THE SWAT USES? YOU'VE HEARD OF THEM RIGHT?
THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD ANALOGY FOR WHAT YOU ARE ISN'T IT?

THESE CYBER CRIMINALS CAUSING A RUCKUS, THINKING THAT WE CAN'T SEE THEM LET ALONE FIND THEM...
...WITH YOUR EYES, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THEM, WOULDN'T WE?
.....

YOU'RE QUITE AN INTERESTING INDIVIDUAL. THAT THING YOU SAID ABOUT BEING ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE PERSON WHO CREATED THE VIRUS...
IF YOU WERE TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT,
THEN I'D LIKE YOU TO AID US IN OUR INVESTIGATION

HEY, WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING?
...BECAUSE...
AFTER MAKING ME SUFFER THROUGH EXPLAINING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER FOR 5 HOURS AND 38 MINUTES... YOU'RE NOW ASKING ME TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR INVESTIGATION?
THIS IS SOME KIND OF SHITTY JOKE, ISN'T IT?

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE COME TO UNDERSTAND AFTER TALKING TO YOU FOR 5 HOURS AND 38 MINUTES. AND THAT'S THE FACT THAT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BE EXTREMELY DIRECT WHEN I TALK TO YOU
THIS IS A DEAL.
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP US OUT. IF YOU DON'T, WE'RE GOING TO ARREST YOU UNDER THE CHARGE OF OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
CRYSTAL CLEAR NOW, RIGHT?



TN: THE SIGN SAYS POLICE STATION

SA-SAKA!... SAN? I'M, I'M SO-
I'M SORRY!! REALLY...I'M!!
GOOD JOB KID
Pat

WHAT?
.....
UHH... UHM... NOTHING I HIGH
THAT... ACTUALLY.

SHIVER
ALRIGHT, HURRY AND GET IN. LET'S GO HOME

HAHAHAHA

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IT SURE ISN'T I FORGOT TO WARN YOU TO NOT "BITE THE COPS"
ANYWAY, YOU DID WELL

YOU LUNGED AT THE COPS?!!
THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER...
SMACK
SMACK

VROOOOM
YOU'VE JUST ACQUIRED THE GREATEST "CLIENT" THERE POSSIBLY IS
KA-CHUNK

SO FREAKIN COOL
IS THIS SOME TYPE OF FORTRESS IN THE MIDDLE OF SHIBUYA?
DAMN, IT'S EVEN MORE AMAZING IN THE DAYLIGHT

Ding-dong
BEEP...KK
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU. KOREEDA'S CO-OPERATION YESTERDAY... ...PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO US

OH NO, THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK US. SINCE I HEAR HE WAS QUITE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH
Da hell
HOWEVER, SHOULDN'T THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE A CYBER SECURITY DIVISION TAKING CARE OF THIS CASE?
AH. THE PEOPLE IN THAT DEPARTMENT ONLY KNOW HOW TO DO TECHNICAL WORK. THEY DON'T HANDLE ACTUAL INVESTIGATION
I SEE. KOREEDA IS HERE BUT HE SPENT ALL NIGHT ANALYZING THE VIRUS, SO.

OI GET UP. YOUR CLIENT HAS ARRIVED
PANT PANT

EXCUSE ME FOR ASKING BUT WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN YOU TWO?
HE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS JUST TAKEN UP IT CONSULTANT WORK AND I'M SUPPORTING HIS ENDEAVOURS
This idiot has had drugs
rise
THE MORE I LOOK AT YOU THE LESS HUMAN YOU AP-PEAR
TO BE COMPLETELY HONEST HE AND I DON'T COMMUNICATE WELL.
IN THAT CASE DO YOU MIND SITTING IN ON THIS CONVER-SATION?

CLICK
AFTER ALL THIS CASE IS A BIT MORE TROUBLESOME THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT...
THIS IS GETTING STRAIGHT TO THE POINT, BUT I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU THE INFORMATION I'VE BROUGHT NOW. I MUST STRESS THAT IT'S ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT NONE OF THIS CONVERSATION IS LEAKED

40 STARTUPS WERE ATTACKED

THAT MANY?

YEAH, THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ATTACK WAS MADE IN ENGLISH, BUT...

"THE COMPANIES WE TARGET WILL BE DECIDED BY OUR SENTIMENTS AT OUR WHIM"

"IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE ATTACKED, THEN PREPARE YOUR MONEY FOR ME AHEAD OF TIME. THE METHOD OF PAYMENT WILL BE RELAYED INDIVIDUALLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS."

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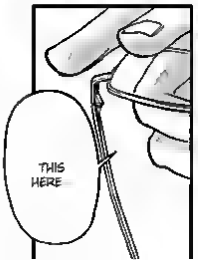
HEDGEHOG NEVER RECEIVED A RANSOM DEMAND...

AH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE INVOLVED WITH THAT GROUP, AREN'T YOU? I'VE LOOKED INTO THAT CASE...

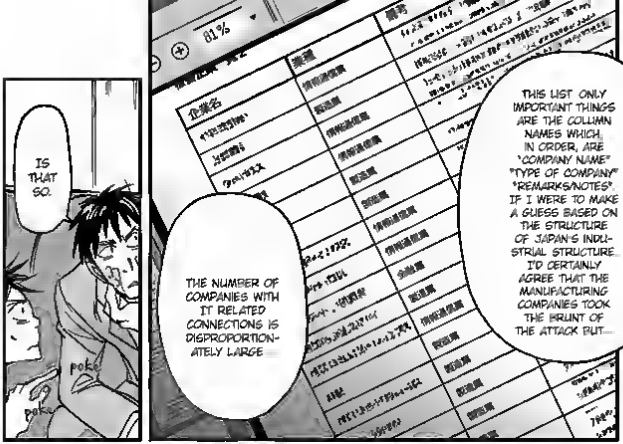
YES. YOU'RE RIGHT. THAT'S WHY I THINK SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON.

IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES THE PERPETRATORS OF A CRIME ARE DETERMINED THROUGH THE "MOTIVE" BEHIND THE CRIME.
WE ARE CURRENTLY PROCEEDING WITH THE INVESTIGATION UNDER THE BELIEF THAT IT IS A "MONEY-MOTIVATED CRIME". BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL THAT SOMETHING IS OFF ABOUT THAT ASSUMPTION

THE LACK OF A CONCRETE MOTIVE HAS BEEN CAUSING QUITE A FUSS ON OUR SIDE AS WELL. WHEN ALL OF THE SUDDEN
glance...
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SHRED OF EVIDENCE THAT A TANGIBLE PAYMENT METHOD WAS EVER PROVIDED


THIS HERE...

WHAT IS IT?
26 MANU-FACTURING COMPANIES... AND 2 OF THEM AUTOMOBILE COMPANIES. HUH...


IS THAT SO.
poka
poka
THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES WITH IT RELATED CONNECTIONS IS DISPROPORTIONATELY LARGE...
THIS LIST ONLY IMPORTANT THINGS ARE THE COLUMN NAMES WHICH, IN ORDER, ARE "COMPANY NAME" "TYPE OF COMPANY" "REMARKS/NOTES". IF I WERE TO MAKE A GUESS BASED ON THE STRUCTURE OF JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE... I'D CERTAINLY AGREE THAT THE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK BUT...

WHAT IS IT KOREEDA?
WOULD YOU MIND ELABORATING ON THAT...
whap

I WAS...UGH... TRYING TO SAY... UHMM... I MIGHT HAVE... FOUND... A WAY TO...WEED OUT THE CULPRIT...
UM... I...